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Note by the President of the Security Council

1. Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, it has been agreed that the mandate of the Informal Working Group on General Issues of Sanctions established pursuant to paragraph 3 of the note by the President of the Security Council dated 17 April 2000 (S/2000/319) shall be extended until 31 December 2006. The task of the Working Group is to develop general recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions. Within this framework the Working Group will now also address issues such as those listed below, including, as appropriate, and with the consensus of its members, through open and informal dialogue with interested Member States, as well as international, regional, intergovernmental and other relevant organizations:

(a) Improving cooperation between sanctions committees, monitoring bodies and regional organizations, and assessing the possibility of reporting by regional organizations as an alternative to the reporting by individual States;

(b) Duration and lifting of sanctions;

(c) Assessment of the unintended impact of sanctions and ways to assist affected untargeted States;

(d) Improving national implementation of sanctions;

(e) Enforcement of targeted sanctions, especially such sanctions as assets freezes or travel bans targeting individuals or entities;

(f) Delisting procedures in relation to the implementation of targeted sanctions and the legal consequences of listing and delisting;

(g) Secondary sanctions against States violating sanctions;

(h) Improving archives and databases in the Secretariat, including the Roster of Experts.

2. The Working Group should benefit from all available sanctions expertise, including by being briefed, on a case-by-case basis, by appropriate experts, and requests the Secretariat to make the arrangements, within existing resources, for this purpose.

3. The Security Council requests the Secretariat to provide the Working Group with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

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